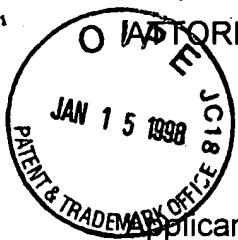


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 12 - 14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as indicated:

1. (Twice Amended) A laminating apparatus for laminating materials comprising:

(a) at least one laminating section, each of the at least one laminating section comprising an upper chamber and an under chamber wherein the upper and under chambers are divided by a diaphragm means;

(b) a heating stage located in the under chamber for heating the materials put on the heating stage wherein the heating stage is movable between an upward position and a downward position; and

(c) a supporting means for supporting the materials in a position above and apart from the upper surface of the heating stage when the heating stage is located